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PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: FOOTWEAR WITH BLADDER)
TYPE STABILIZER)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 14 as follows:

14. An article of footwear, comprising:
a sole assembly including a footbed for supporting a wearer's foot, said footbed having a lateral side edge and a medial side edge,
an upper connected to said sole assembly to define an internal volume of the footwear for receipt of a wearer's foot; and